Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 8 and 13 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of three or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[ ]]):

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

~~retrieving~~ **sending** an authorization code **to a client computer** from a ~~remote~~ monitoring device **remotely located relative to the client computer**;

subsequently sending a print job with the authorization code **from the client computer** to the remote monitoring device;

the remote monitoring device checking whether the authorization code is valid;

enabling printing of the print job upon determining that the authorization code is valid; and

disabling printing of the print job upon determining that the authorization code is invalid.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the **authorization code sent to the client computer from the remote monitoring device is received** ~~retrieving is performed~~ by an agent operating on ~~a~~ **the client** computer.

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4.   (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the authorization code comprises an expiration interval parameter.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in Claim 1.

8.   (Currently Amended) In a public computer service center where multiple computers can be connected to a communications link associated with the service center, a method comprising:

creating a request to log on to the communications link;

~~retrieving~~ **sending** an authorization code from a host located on the communications link **to a client computer located on the communications link**;

subsequently sending a print job **from the client computer** to a printer with the authorization code embedded in a header of the print job; and

checking whether the authorization code is valid, prior to enabling or disabling the print job from printing.

9.   (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the public computer service center is a hotel.

10.   (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the public computer service center is an airport-based printing center.

11.   (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the authorization code contains an expiration interval parameter.

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12. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the authorization code contains a quality of service parameter.

13. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein an agent **operating on the client computer** ~~retrieves~~ **receives** the authorization code **sent** from the host and assigns the authorization code to the print job.

14. (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in Claim 8.

15. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a communications link;

a monitoring device attached to the communications link; and

an agent, configured to provide an interface between a computer and the communications link, wherein the agent receives an authorization code from the monitoring device, and assigns the authorization code to a print job sent by the computer,

wherein the monitoring device is configured to receive the print job and verify whether the authorization code is valid.

16. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the monitoring device verifies whether the authorization code is valid by comparing the authorization code to a data base to find a matching entry.

17. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the monitoring device permits printing of the print job by a printer if the authorization code is valid.

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18.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code comprises an expiration interval parameter.

19.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code comprises a quality of service parameter.

20.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the communications link comprises Ethernet access.

21.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the communications link is a communications network.

22.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the communications link is a switch.

23.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the monitoring device is a server.

24.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code is embedded in a header of the print job.

25.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code is part of an HTTP communication related to the print job.

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